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Casting About

The Mephistophelian Miner has arisen from the black bowels of the earth again... The Faustian Figure with the Shakespearean style has spoken... The Mephistophelian has beckoned from the throne and 400,000 loyal subjects have obeyed... the leonine leader had his cue... the world is his stage... fanciful speech rumbles forth in grandiloquent phrasing... John L. Lewis has center stage again... beetle brows bristling... the letter of the law is one thing Lewis is another... speak for yourself John... when do we convert to oil?... the King would smile but he dare not because... "I can't afford to smile in public. People would say I was having like Nero while Rome burned"... Think back John L. Lewis to the war years... blood was seeping over the rims of many continents... men were fighting for their lives and not for money... but what was this round man from the UMW doing... plotting and planning... calculating... to win the war... to bring about a swift conclusion... no... strike... strike... strike... the big stick... the club... John L. Lewis.

There is no music in this play by, for and about John L. Lewis... only the silent shafts and the darkened tunnels... they serve as a backdrop as John L. and his battery of lawyers shuffle along the corridor of justice through a proscenium arch formed by his 400,000...

Perhaps the trouble is not all there... certainly others are playing their part in this steady parade of strikes, and work-stoppages... where is the trouble?... who is at fault?... the solution must be

Week April 11 - 17 Public Health Nurse

"Help your public nurse help your community" is the theme for this year's observance of National Public Health Nursing Week, April 11-17.

The purpose of the "Week" is to let more people know how public health nurses can help the community to better health. Public health nurses, whose salaries are paid from voluntary contributions or out of tax funds, go into homes that cannot afford to pay for nursing care. But public health nursing services are also available to anyone who can pay. In addition to giving and demonstrating bedside care, public health nurses teach good health practices, and keep on the alert to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. The 21,500 public health nurses in the U. S. are registered graduate nurses with special training in public health work. They travel 120 million miles making 16,200,000 visits each year. However, there are still 1087 counties without full-time public health service.

Your public health nurse needs the support and cooperation of everyone if she is to do the best possible job for the community.

Boy Scout News

Norton Field is acting as Scout Master for Troop 9 of the Boy Scouts, with Joseph Bilmon acting as Junior Assistant Scoutmaster for the troop.

The scouts recently held a "Camp Chesterfield Night" at the Congregational Church. Colored films were shown during the evening. It is hoped to interest all the scouts of the troop, and their parents, in the advantages of a scout attending Camp Chesterfield. The camp is located near Northampton.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 8, 9 and 10 — Easthampton Antique Exposition and Sale at Town Hall in Easthampton.

April 12 — P.T.A. monthly meeting in Alexander Hall at 8 p.m. Home talent night.

Boy Scouts meet.

April 13 — Grange meeting.

April 15 — Special Woman's Guild meeting. All Northfield churchwomen are invited.

April 16 — "Rumpelstiltskin" presented by Bobby Fulton's Puppet Players at 8 p.m. at the Town Hall. Songs by the "Hermion Triple Quartet." Admission free. Candy for sale.

April 19 — Friendly Class meeting. Boy Scouts meet. Northfield A. A. meets at Town Hall.

April 20 — Annual "Father and Son Night" sponsored by the Northfield Brotherhood at the Congregational Church 8:30 p.m.

April 22 — A covered-dish family parish supper.

Some Highlights of Public Health Nursing

William Rathbone, a merchant in Liverpool, England, employed a trained nurse to care for sick in their homes, later employing additional nurses, and organizing the first public health nursing service in 1859. It was not until 1877 that the Women's Branch of the New York City Mission employed the first trained nurse in the U. S. to "visit the sick poor". But the first visiting nurse association was organized in 1885 at Buffalo.

These early associations were charitable organizations supported by the wealthy, until 1898 when Los Angeles was the first municipality to pay the salary of a full-time public health nurse. By 1901 fifty-eight organizations were employing 130 nurses.

In 1906 Boston first instituted special training for public health nurses, and by 1910 Teachers College in New York City gave the first university course in public health nursing.

By 1931 the U. S. had 4,355 agencies, with 15,865 nurses and this number increased each year, until 1941-45 between 3,000 and 4,000 public health nurses entered the Armed Forces.

This year marks the 71st Anniversary of public health nursing in the U. S., and the 36th anniversary of national organization for Public Health Nursing.

The Animal Kingdom Placed on the Block

The live stock stole the show at the P.T.A. Auction Sale on April 1, at the Town Hall.

Ted Powell bid in the first animal offering for the evening, when he took home a little dog. According to informants on the sidelines it was a "Spitz" or at least it's grandfather was a "Spitz". However, Auctioneer Joseph W. Field said it didn't spit at all. The little pup, nameless at the moment, looked happy and carefree bounding around the spacious lawns of "Green Pastures".

Melvin Morgan took home the rooster that Auctioneer Field extracted from the box with a flurry of feathers and then proceeded to hypnotize on the table.

Allen Field was the highest bidder for the Hamsters given for the occasion by the Northfield Hamsters. He got four of them, traded a couple in, and is now ready to go into business for himself. How successful he is depends of course on the hamsters.

Mrs. Gerald Quigley was the highest bidder for the star of the evening, a little black cocker spaniel called "Tiny" donated to the P.T.A. by the J-Bon-Kim Kennels.

The other items on the block ranged from earrings to davenport and kept the auction going until nearly midnight.

Coffee and mouth-watering cakes were served during the auction.

Well Known Editor To Speak at Turners

Frederick Snyder, well-known international news commentator of Kingston, N. Y. will speak on Tuesday evening, April 20th at eight o'clock at the Congregational Church Auditorium in Turners Falls, under the auspices of the International Relations Committee of the Turners Falls Woman's Club. Since Mr. Snyder has appeared previously in nearby county towns and always draws a "repeal" audience, the Club has decided to extend this lecture privilege to the public, at nominal and student prices.



FREDERICK SNYDER

His subject is "Keeping Ahead of the Headlines," presented in the form of a verbal newspaper, of which clever Mr. Snyder is the editor and originator. His up-to-the-minute news of world affairs is vividly portrayed in the form of some sensational headline facts, an editorial of inspiration, a humorous column and some advertisements. Snyder's extensive travels in nearly every country of the world, his present close touch with the men of power in many lands, and his keen insight into the forces that shape the future, give authority to his strikingly prophetic messages in the light of events.

Tickets will be on sale at the door, but nearby towns may also procure them from Mrs. James A. Gunn in Turners Falls, Tel. T. F. 443, chairman.

They will be available in Northfield at the Bookstore and the Northfield Hotel.

Latch String Hours

George Marshall has announced that beginning with April 15, "The Latch String" will open for breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

The hours will be 7:30 to 2, 6 to 12 Monday through Friday; 7:30 until midnight, Saturday and Sunday.

Paul Dwight Moody Memorial Booklet

During the last week of March, The First Presbyterian Church of New York City sent out a booklet with the title, "In Memory of Paul Dwight Moody". It contains the order of service for the memorial meeting held Nov. 16, 1947, and addresses by four co-workers of Mr. Moody's in different enterprises. Dean W. Storrs Lee represented Middlebury College where Mr. Moody was President for twenty-three years; Rev. Paul E. Scherer of New York City spoke in behalf of his association with Mr. Moody in the August Conferences work in Northfield; Rev. Stewart M. Robinson represented the Army-Navy Chaplain Commission; and Dr. Julius V. Moldenhawer, pastor of The First Presbyterian Church, spoke of his co-worker, Paul Moody in these terms:

"The four years from 1942 to 1946 when Paul D. Moody was my fellow minister in the First Presbyterian Church of New York were four of the most completely happy years in my life — And how could it be otherwise! I lived day after day in free companionship with a man who was by nature as well as by training the complete servant of Christ and his Church."

For a year Dr. Moldenhawer had been unwell. On Easter he returned to his pulpit to preach a magnificent sermon on eternal life, to an overflowing audience.

On March 31, Dr. Moldenhawer died. Many Northfield people, who remember the summers that he was accompanied here by his wife and two daughters, Anna and Thora, extend to the family their deepest sympathy.

The Auto Inspection

Last week, Thursday, April first, was inaugurated the first auto inspection for the current year and the appointed garages qualified to make the inspections have been busy every day. Every motor vehicle registered in the state must be examined for safety before May first and must bear a sticker. This sticker must be placed on the lower right hand corner of the windshield and in no other place. All other stickers of any kind must be removed from the glass. Since there are a large number of cars to be examined, owners are advised to attend to the inspection early and avoid the rush of the last few days, for after May first, cars not inspected will be ruled out on the roads.

Northfield Schools

Sunday speakers at the Northfield Schools April 11, will be Rev. Benjamin R. Andrews, Jr., chaplain of Northfield School for Girls in Russell Sage Chapel at 11 o'clock and Rev. A. Graham Baldwin, chaplain at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., in Memorial Chapel at 10:30 o'clock. Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools, will be guest speaker at the Vesper Service at Bradford Junior College, in Bradford, Mass., April 11.

BALLOTING REVEALS PUBLIC DIVIDED UMT DEBATE DRAWS SMALL AUDIENCE

Taking Security for granted? These words of Moderator Edward M. Powell were starkly emphasized by the small audience in attendance at the Town Hall last Wednesday evening for the debate on UMT, by a four member debating team from American International College in Springfield, sponsored by the Haven H. Spencer Post of the American Legion. The question for the evening was, Resolved: "That Universal Military Training should be established."

County GOP Women To Hold Luncheon

On Saturday April 24 at one o'clock there will be held a luncheon meeting of the Franklin County Women's Republican Club at the Mansion House in Greenfield. Women who are members of the Club will be interested to learn that Mrs. Cecil Harden, member of the National Republican committee from Indiana will be the guest speaker as well as Congressman John W. Hasetline who is expected to attend. Resolved with Mrs. Robert Abbott, Tel. 678, who will also be glad to enroll members in the organization. This is a presidential election year and more than ever women are taking an active interest in the political campaign. It is hoped that Northfield will be well represented at the luncheon meeting, and that also there will be a large enrollment of women in the County organization. Call Mrs. Abbott on the phone for any information.

Bible Pageant Here

The Deerfield, N. H., Bible Pageant had two showings last Sunday evening at the Northfield Congregational Church. The scenes from Bible Stories were photographed in color against the beautiful N. H. hills and projected on a large screen with slides with narration by Rev. Shields of Deerfield, N. H. Many of the familiar stories and biblical characters looked exactly like most people imagined them, and the Christ was well chosen for classic features. For all those who have seen this pageant, it was a religious experience long to be remembered.

Red Cross Drive Lags in County

The Red Cross campaign in Franklin County is continuing with the drive just beginning in several towns. The county quota, which is unusually high of \$34,650 is expected to be realized however. The quota for Greenfield is \$16,410 and \$9,186.26 has already been secured. Other county towns reporting are Northfield \$679.14, quota \$1,764; Conway \$327.59, quota \$346; Charlemont \$106.89, quota \$270; Buckland \$150.08, quota \$207; Bernardston \$161, quota \$310; Shelburne Center \$207.04, quota \$300.

Deerfield Academy has reported a hundred percent contribution from its student body of \$1,323.85. It is reported that the town of Sunderland has realized its quota. The amount of money received in Northfield will be augmented by the contributions of the School for Girls later this month.

Speaking for the affirmative were Joseph Batorski, President of the AIC Debating Council, and Marjorie Drinkwater. For the negative, John Wagner, Vice-president of the Debating Council and John Bourbeau.

The affirmative side declared that the adoption of UMT would, 1) reassure the world; 2) influence and enhance the United Nations; 3) Gain sufficient manpower for any eventuality.

The negative side, on the other hand, declared that UMT would, 1) Provide improper training; 2) Would only include fifty percent of the available manpower; 3) Too expensive. They substituted this program as more suitable for the present situation: 1) A highly specialized Army; 2) More experimentation; 3) Remedy the present world situation by a Selective Service draft.

The sense of the debate was that they all favored some form of military training, but differed on the methods necessary to provide an adequate and sound system to meet the needs of present and future world conflict.

Following the presentation of formal arguments and rebuttals for and against the UMT, the Moderator asked for questions from the floor. The small, but responsive audience, immediately spoke up with a number of remarks concerning UMT and Selective Service, or if other methods could not be found for solving the ills of the world. The general line of thought of several speakers from the floor seemed to be that they opposed Selective Service or UMT but could offer no other realistic or comprehensive solution to the problems that are before us today.

Ballots were passed to all spectators so that a vote could be taken on the question of Universal Military Training. Each voter was to indicate Yes or No; whether under or over 26 years of age; and whether male or female.

The vote in each category was amazingly even, and the results are indicated below:

Total Votes	22
Yes	29
No	29
Yes — 15 Male.	
Yes — 5 under 26.	
Yes — 10 over 26.	
Yes — 14 Female.	
Yes — 4 under 26.	
Yes — 10 over 26.	
No — 16 Male.	
No — 6 under 26.	
No — 10 over 26.	
No — 13 Female.	
No — 4 under 26.	
No — 9 over 26.	

Commander Richard Steenbruggen expressed his deep gratitude to the Debating Council, its members and Mr. Mitchell of the AIC faculty and supervisor of the Debating Council, for their willing cooperation in coming to Northfield for this occasion.

Special thanks go to E. M. Powell for bringing the debating team to Northfield and to "The Latch String" for entertaining the students prior to the debate.

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"Greetings from your friends and neighbors."

That phrase is a familiar one to the many million men that received the draft summons prefaced by that somewhat ambiguous phrase.

The words themselves meant little or nothing to those that were drafted, except that it gave them a laugh. The intentions and implications of the phrase no doubt were commendable, but actually our friends and neighbors had little or nothing to do with selecting those that were to go into the services.

Those who were drafted and those who drafted them had little or no time in which to examine the reasons for the draft or for the war itself. No wonder the phrase, "Greetings from your friends and neighbors" met with derision.

The words were empty of any real meaning. They were pointless except that they made a good sounding beginning for the message to follow. It is no puzzle at all then when you say that the boys didn't know what they were fighting for when you consider that the anonymous group of "friends and neighbors" were just as much in the dark about the reasons for the draft and for the war itself.

But now all of us have an opportunity to give that phrase, if it is to be used again, real meaning. We have an opportunity to make it more than an empty phrase. We have an opportunity to formulate our opinions, to study the question and to arrive at a firm, strong and final conclusion.

This time those that receive a letter prefaced with, "Greetings from your friends and neighbors," should be confident that there is truth, understanding and strength behind that phrase.

No one should be sent into the services, or into war, unless those who send them are willing to make themselves heard about the issues of the day. Every young man has the right to insist upon all the people in his town taking an active and forceful part in coming to an intelligent conclusion about the Universal Military Training plan, about Selective Service and any other issues that are associated with our national safety and welfare.

When the problem of Selective Service and UMT is ironed out, other problems will face us and they should be met with more courage, initiative and intelligence than many of us have displayed thus far in world affairs. Present day affairs do not ask us, they demand that we make greater efforts to become well informed citizens.

So when the phrase "Greetings from your friends and neighbors" is used again, ask yourself if you feel justified in allowing your name to be used in asking men to serve and to fight.

POET'S CORNER

(Contributions by local poets are welcome)

MAD WOMAN
She opens up her doors,
And all her windows wide—
She bids the soft spring rain
To step inside.

She always keeps one window
Aglow with candle-light,
For the lost wind that sobs
In the swamp all night.

And last night I heard her,
'Twas her voice — no other —
Talking to the stars
As tho' she were their mother!
B. H. B.

The "Leather Man"

Story by Radio

Northfield was visited during the summer season about a hundred or more years ago by an interesting character, known only as the "Leather Man". No one greeted him by name or knew from where he came, but it was presumed that he hailed from Connecticut and was a habitué of some lonely shack in the wooded hillsides. The Press in its issue of December 10, 1937, printed a short story of this interesting character and a picture of him garbed in his heavy clothing and boots. The photograph as well as the information printed was authentic and was furnished by the late Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Matteson, who had frequently talked with him when they were young folks in Ellenville, Conn. The story of the "Leather Man" is scheduled to be given over the radio, this Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, station W B Z by "Beacon Blackie" who each week gives an account of some of the early facts in New England history.

Be sure to tune in and hear the story of this historical character who visited Northfield a hundred years ago.

THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

(Letters should be limited to 400 words or less. All letters must be signed by the writer - the name will not be used if you so desire.)

To the Editor:
Northfield Press.

Dear Editor:

This is the time of year when mothers hopefully drag out last year's summer raiment, hoping against hope that there are enough hems left to carry sprouting Susie through another season. This is the time to be realistic about warm winter clothes which will certainly never fit Susie when school opens in the fall. Unless there is someone special to whom you give these outgrown but not outworn garments, think for a moment of the world's children who are not faring as well as ours — children who have shivered their way through the winter just past. We may not have been able to dress our own youngsters in the latest style, nor to have given them as ample a wardrobe as we should liked to have done, but they have, for the most part, been warm. We have been blessed indeed to have children who have emerged from a bitter winter healthy and strong. And somehow we know that even on slim budgets that they will be warm and well next winter too. But what of the children of Europe and Asia, for whom the summer is only a brief respite from misery?

I think many of us who would like to help, delay doing anything definite because of lack of "know how". In Parents Magazine for April, we have found at last a simple way of doing it. I quote, "The World Church Service Center forwards packages to the neediest children of thirty countries without regard to race, color or creed. Fold a large bath towel in half and stitch the sides. Fill the bag thus made with new or clean used clothing, toys, school supplies, comb, soap and other necessities and sew the open end. Label with age and sex of the child for whom it is intended, wrap and ship to World Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland.

If any mothers choose to share their bounty in this way, but feel the actual mailing would be inconvenient, I should be glad to serve as "clearing house" and see that the bundles get off to their destination.

Most sincerely,
Betty H. Bell
Tel. Turners Falls 3262

The Philatelist

RIVERSIDE STAMP CLUB NEWS

Mr. C. W. Higginbotham, president of the First National Bank of Turners Falls was guest of the Riverside Stamp Club at its regular monthly meeting on Thursday evening, April first. Mr. Higginbotham presented a display of souvenir and personal interest covers, two of which were of particular interest to the children, one postmarked "Gill" and the other, "Riverside". Mr. Higginbotham's talk was received with enthusiasm and he presented each member with a pair of coil stamps.

Douglas Stots, club member, gave a five minute talk on the "Granddaddy" of all stamps, an early British Guinea stamp, valued at \$50,000.

At the next meeting, on May 6, Frederick Oakes will select another stamp, and will present another "history behind the stamp" talk. The material for these discussions is prepared entirely by the children themselves.

AYH News

Word has been received from Ida Sheldon that she has accepted a position with the American Friends Service Committee at their International House in Washington, D. C. Her address is 1404 16th street, Northwest.

A tremendous interest in foreign travel this summer is being evidenced in the large number of requests for information, and also in the actual number of those signing up for A. Y. H. trips. A. Y. H. also handles reservations for individuals desiring to travel abroad, and has already received a total of 260 requests for reservations for passage this summer.

In addition to the Student Ships which have been made available by the United States Maritime Commission, two Dutch transports have been assigned for the use of students by the Dutch Office for Foreign Student Relations. Students, professors, and hostellers, and those going over to take part in work camps and reconstruction projects, will receive priority for passage on these ships. Every person going abroad must receive a certificate of eligibility from the Institute of International Education before passage can be granted on these ships.

The Y. M. C. A. of Westfield, Mass. invited William Nelson of the National Staff to present a program consisting of colored movies and a talk on hostelling at a meeting of their Hi-Y Tri-Y group of young people on Monday, April 5. The meeting was well attended and a great deal of interest was evidenced in plans for locating a hostel in the vicinity of Westfield.

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For those of us who are affected with a slight touch of wanderlust at this time of the year — and who isn't? — "East of the Andes and West of Nowhere," by Nancy Bell Bates, is just the right kind of book. Mrs. Bates is the daughter of David Fairchild, world prospector for plants, and the granddaughter of Alexander Graham Bell, and so comes by her inquisitive and exploring nature rightly. As was fitting, she married a young man well equipped to give her just the sort of life she loved most. Marston Bates is a naturalist engaged in field research for the Rockefeller Foundation's fight against disease. "East of the Andes and West of Nowhere" is the story of the young couple's life in Colombia — in the remote little town of Villavieja, on the edge of the "llanos" — those vast grassy

plains that stretch endlessly away to the tangled and untouched jungle. Here, after an infinitely long and dangerous trek from Bogota, across primitive roads, the Bates' settle down, establish a laboratory and launch their fight against malaria and yellow fever. This involves endless research on the mosquitoes and monkeys which carry the virus of the two deadly diseases.

The story is told from the point of view of a woman in a far corner of the earth, where everything is strange; people, languages, climate and customs. How Nancy Bell Bates adjusted herself to all of this, raised three children and gave valuable assistance to her scientist husband, makes "East of the Andes and West of Nowhere" a book that is different and fascinating.

COLONIAL CHRONICLES

History in the Making in Northfield
NUMBER NINE IN THE SERIES

Prepared by the Northfield Historical Society

That first settlement of Northfield of 1673-1675 had not sufficient time for settling enough families to warrant having the necessities of a sawmill, a gristmill, or even a minister in town. The settlers had been busy laying out the home and meadow lots, constructing houses roofed with thatch, raising wheat, flax, sheep, cattle and children. A few of the latter were born here then. One of the women acted as a doctor. Spinning and weaving their own flax and wool and making their own clothes, of flax and wool or of deer skin were some of the time consuming occupations of the home. The families were rather young, closely related by blood, marriage, or experience of having lived in Northampton or Hadley and being related to families also in Deerfield, Hatfield, Springfield, and places further south in Connecticut or eastern Massachusetts.

These English Puritans had a high idea of their importance in this New England settlement. One of Northfield's first settlers, William Smead, had a relative who preached and published a sermon in Cambridge, Massachusetts, just a few years before, in which he phrased it thus: "God stirred a whole nation to send chosen seed over into the wilderness." This William Staughton, quoted above, was a bachelor and benefactor of Harvard College, also Lt. Gov. of the Commonwealth in the time of witchcraft trials. The leaders in New England some 60 educated at Cambridge University and 20 at Oxford. Their vocation was primarily the ministry. When returning to Old England to educate their sons was impossible, they founded a college to perpetuate their Congregational faith. In the century beginning in 1640, there were 250 ministers ordained in New England of whom at least 90 held a college degree, or a university degree. The chances are that these numbers were even better for all records have not been discovered.

The people were more Bible conscious then than in the past century when education has become more common. Their very ordinary conversation, their letters and books were praised in the language of the Bible. After all, their church which they had to attend held two long services Sundays and another on Thursday, the latter, however, was called a "lecturer". Such towns as Northampton, Hatfield, Hadley and Deer-

field at a little later period than this held joint Thursday lectures. Let us return to Northfield's first settlement still called by its Indian name, Squakeag and to the Indian tribes just prior to King Philip's War, that terminated Northfield and Deerfield settlements. Let us use the modern names for the general locality of these tribes. The three strongest tribes in and near Massachusetts were the Deerfield River Pocumtucks who according to Daniel Gookin, had 5000 persons with a fort east of Deerfield village and holding land as far north as Mount Herman; the Narragansetts in south-east Massachusetts and Rhode Island; and the Mohawks around Albany, one of the five Nations of New York. There were also the Massasoit and King Philip's tribe east of Worcester, the Wampanoag; the Nipmunks of Worcester County; the Agawams about Springfield; the Nonotucks near Northampton and Hatfield where they had a fort; the Squakeags at Northfield; and the Mohegans in Connecticut.

At a time prior to the settlement of Northfield by the whites, the powerful Pocumtucks had been allied with the other two strong tribes, the Narragansetts and the Mohawks. In 1687, the Pocumtucks were prevented from defeating the Connecticut Mohegans by the English coming to the latter's rescue. Thus later we find these Mohegans fighting with the British. For some unknown reason the Pocumtucks and allies waged war with their former friends, the Mohawks, and defeated them. The English and the New York Dutch interceded an effort to make peace between these tribes. Pocumtuck or Deerfield, was the place where the delegates met to arrange terms and to return to Albany to get the tribe to agree. To arrange terms for the ransom of prisoners and to conclude the peace the Mohawks sent their Indian Prince. Because the Pocumtucks instead of doing their share, murdered the prince, the Mohawks made a treaty with the English who had just acquired New Amsterdam, or New York, and had the English arrange a peace with the Mohegans, as well as trying to fix up matter with the French in Canada, and then sought vengeance for the murder. In this they were so successful that they not only defeated the Pocumtucks, but also their Squakeag allies.

(To be continued)

THIS WAYWARD COIL

The following excerpts are from the works of Eugene Field, American Humorist.

THE COAL HOD
Oh how nice and Black the Coal Hod is! Run, children, run quick and put your Little Fat hands in it. Mercy me, your Hands are as Black as the Coal-Hod now! Hark! Mamma is Coming. She will spank you when she finds your Hands so Dirty. Better go and Rub the Black Dirt off on the Wall Paper before she Comes.

THE GUN
This is a gun. Is the Gun loaded? Really, I do not know. Let us find out. Put the Gun on the table, and you, Susie, blow down one barrel, while you, Charlie, blow down the other. Bang! Yes it was loaded! Run quick, Jennie, and pick up Susie's head and Charlie's lower jaw before the Nasty Blood gets over the New Carpet.

THE EDITOR'S HOME
Here is a Castle. It is the Home of an Editor. It has stained Glass windows and Mahogany stairways. In front of the Castle is a park. Is it not Sweet? The lady in the Park is the editor's wife. She wears a Costly robe of Velvet trimmed with Gold Lace, and there are Pearls and Rubies in her Hair. The editor sits on the front stoop smoking an Havana

Cigar. His little Children are playing with diamond marbles on the Terrace Floor. The editor can afford to Live in Style. He gets Seventy-Five Dollars a month Wages.

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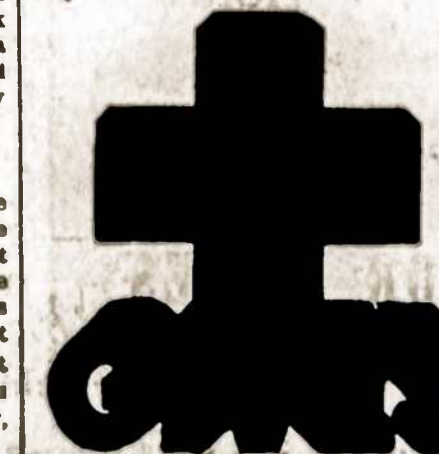
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Teachers' Club News

Next week the Teachers' Club will present Suki, the world's most educated Great Dane, who will perform under the direction of the owner, Mr. Leon F. Smith. There will also be a moving picture, "The Chimpanzee Circus."

Mr. Smith, a former circus worker, has originated new methods in animal training. Instead of teaching his animals only simple tricks, he formed a class of 14 chimpanzees and conducted a school for them. They learned to conduct a complete circus by themselves, even using dogs and ponies. The picture to be shown is in natural color and shows a performance of the circus.

This assembly, the last in this year's series, is to be given at the Town Hall on Monday, April 12, at 9 a. m. The public is invited. There is no admission charge but voluntary contributions are requested.

Town Topics

Mrs. Allen H. Wright of Main street, who spent the Easter season with her daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence White in Boston, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Leavitt in Medford has returned.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pefferice of this town who have been spending a vacation holiday at Pinehurst, N.C. are expected to go to Florida for a stay, where they will be joined by Seth Field, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Field of this town and by Dr. and Mrs. James H. Bolton of Greenfield. It is expected that the parties will enjoy several games of golf.

Much sympathy is extended to Mrs. Charles L. Johnson by her many friends in her serious illness at her home on Main street.

Mrs. Mabel Bonney, who has spent the winter months in Greenfield has returned to her home off Winchester Road.

In The Churches

UNITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister
10:00 a. m. Church School and Young People's Forum.
10:00 a. m. Mr. Krist's Bible Class for men.

10:00 a. m. Mr. Reeves' Class in church membership.
11:00 a. m. Worship. Sermon subject, "The Importance of Unimportant People. Nursery for preschool age children."

6:30 p. m. Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People. Rosemary Mroczek will conduct the devotional service. Edwin Finch, guest and speaker.

The Woman's Guild of our church will have as guests the other church women of Northfield on Thursday evening of this week, at eight o'clock. Dr. Walter F. Hume will show motion pictures and speak. His subject, "The City of Wal, India."

Tuesday, April 20th
Father's and Son's Night at the Brotherhood.
Thursday, April 22nd
Family Parish Supper.

UNITARIAN CHURCH
Rev. Hazel Rogers Greider, Minister
10 a. m. Sunday School. Mrs. Carroll Miller, Supt. Classes for all ages.
11 a. m. Church Service and Sermon by Howard Baker of Mount Hermon.
7:30 p. m. American Unitarian Youth group meeting.

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Sunday School, 11:45 a. m.
Loyal Workers, 6:30 p. m.
Praise Service, 7:30 p. m.
Weekly prayer meeting, Thursdays at the Vernon home, 7:45 p. m.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor
10:30 a. m. Service — "Post Easter Lessons for Us."
11:30 a. m. Sunday School.
6:00 p. m. Young People's Service.
Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Weekly prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. Florence Janes.

ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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With the slogan, "We want Veteran's Homes Now — While They Still Live," The American Legion will shortly march on Congress to urge the passage of the amended Veterans' Homestead Bill, introduced for the Legion by Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers of Lowell.

An average of two new American Legion Posts seeks charters every day. Total number in the nation now exceeds 17,000 with 430

Boy Scout Scrap Paper Drive

The Boy Scouts of Northfield, with the cooperation of all students of Northfield High School will conduct a scrap paper drive during next week, April 12 - 16. The proceeds of this drive will be used to purchase some new uniforms for the high school baseball team.

Citizens are asked to bundle all papers and magazines, or they may be packed in cartons. Pupils of the school will cooperate by assisting in bundling the papers and magazines of neighbors and those needing assistance. This will be an excellent opportunity to start spring cleaning by removing unneeded papers, magazines and books that have accumulated in upstairs rooms, closets and attics. Any person wanting special help is asked to call the high school before Wednesday, April 14.

Garden Club News

The Northfield Garden Club met on April 5, at Alexander Hall. Miss Maud Hamilton reported that since the package of garden seeds to be sent abroad cost approximately \$4.00 per package more money would have to be appropriated for that purpose.

It was agreed that six packages would be sent to families in several countries, names to be announced later.

Following the business meeting, Winthrop Sanderson gave a practical talk on the planting of trees and shrubs, and told of his experiences on Long Island estates, how and when to transplant and the best ways to move large trees.

For the first time in the history of the American Legion, it will this year stage its vast and colorful National Convention Parade by moonlight. Traditionally, the parade has started at breakfast time and continued all day. This year, at Miami, Florida, Tuesday, October 19th, the parade will start at 4 p. m. and run through past midnight. A near full moon is due to rise at 7 p. m.

Plan Gifts to Greece

At the April Meeting of the Mt. Hermon Missionary Society eleven members expressed a desire to help with the Christmas Box for the Comptons in Salonica, Greece, which is to be shipped from Northfield the end of August. If any Northfield friends are planning to contribute (socks, mittens, baby caps, scarves, etc.) and attend the Give-A-Gift-to-Greece party at Green Pastures, it is hoped that they will give their names to Mrs. E. M. Powell so that she may give Mrs. Compton a rough idea of the number of articles she can count on.

Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Flocken and son of Middletown, Conn., have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cortland Finch on Pine street. Mr. Flocken is the former Arline Finch.

The Pioneer Valley Association reports that of the \$40,000 sought for its work this year, the sum of \$33,200 has been thus far contributed. Memberships have reached a total of 1,605. The quota for Franklin County was set at \$7,815 of which \$5,474 has been received to date. No figures are available for contributions by the various towns.

Miss Phelps Guest At Bridal Shower

A bridal shower was given recently at the home of Mrs. Edward Snow, for Miss Betty Phelps, in honor of her approaching marriage to Mr. Arthur H. Bolton, Jr., of West Northfield.

Miss Phelps received many useful and lovely gifts. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Edward Snow, and Mrs. Joseph Holton of Northfield, and Mrs. Claude Kenney of Greenfield.

The wedding will take place on Sunday, April 11th, at 2:00 p. m., in Russell Sage Chapel, East Northfield. Friends are invited to attend the service.

SPORTS NEWS
Northfield A. A.

The Northfield A. A. met Monday evening in the Town Hall, with George Leonard presiding.

Committee reports were read and accepted. The following officers were elected for the following year: Dean Williams, President; Sam MacDonald, vice-president; Mrs. Donald Lilly, Treasurer; George Casey, Manager.

The meeting took up the question of insurance for the ballplayers and also whether or not to allow out-of-town players on the team.

Manager Casey will sign the club up in the Franklin County League at the meeting in Greenfield this week.

The first practice of the season will be held this Sunday afternoon.

The next meeting of the club

will be on April 19, at the Town Hall.

Chmick Caron issued a call for baseball players from West Northfield and South Vernon, Vt. and 22 responded to the call.

Caron, who is coach and manager of the newly formed team was highly pleased with the large turnout and the hustle the boys showed in the first workout.

A diamond is being laid out in West Northfield, located off of Mt. Hermon Road. Work is to be started very soon on grading and building up the infield. Immediate construction of a backstop is contemplated.

The new name for the team will be announced shortly.

Anyone desiring games with this newly organized team can contact Chick Caron at 802.

Seeks Memberships
Among GOP Women

Mrs. Robert Abbott of Main St. has been named as chairman of the membership committee for Northfield for the enrollment of women in the Women's Republican Club of Franklin County. Miss Anna J. Houdek of Greenfield is the county chairman for memberships and Mrs. Madeline Nichols

of Greenfield is the president of the County organization. Mrs. Allen H. Wright is an area director of the county board. Miss Houdek was in town last Saturday and confirmed the appointment which has the approval of the local Republican Town committee. The membership fee is only fifty cents and all women are invited to join and take an active part in the coming presidential campaign.

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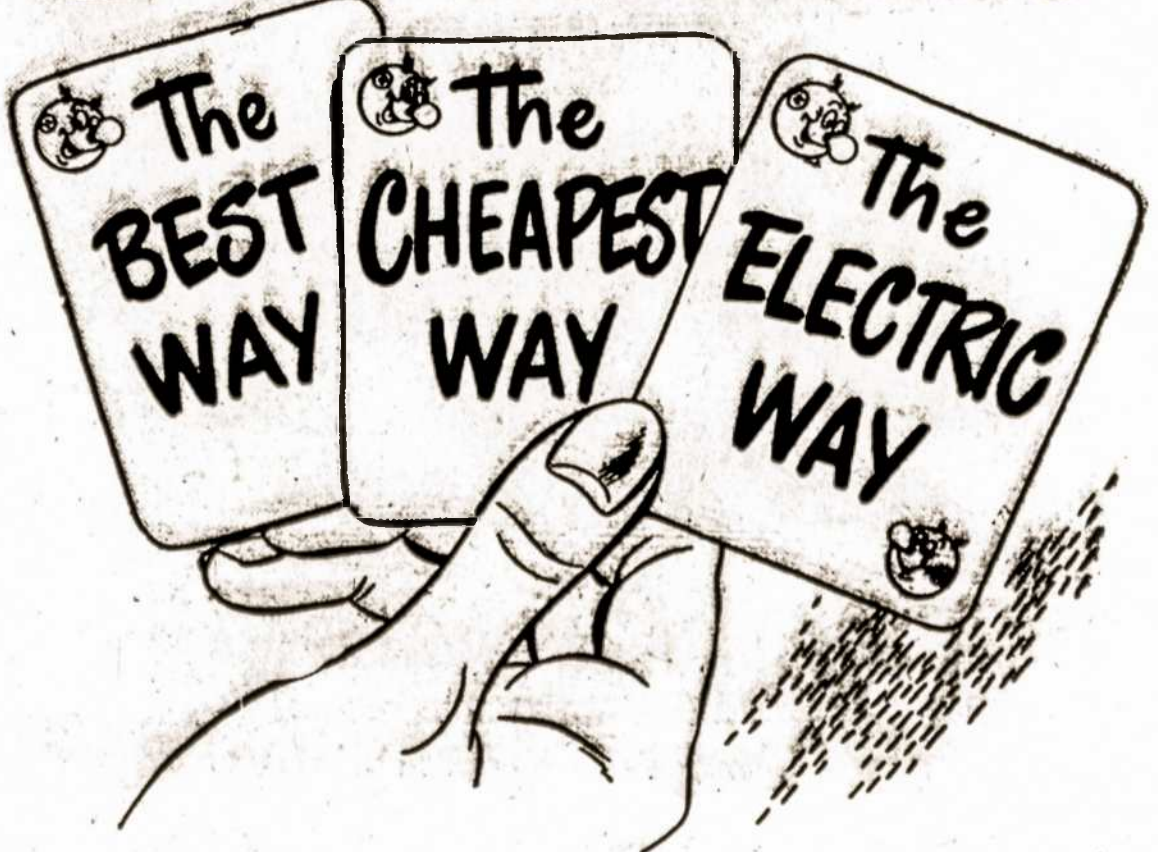
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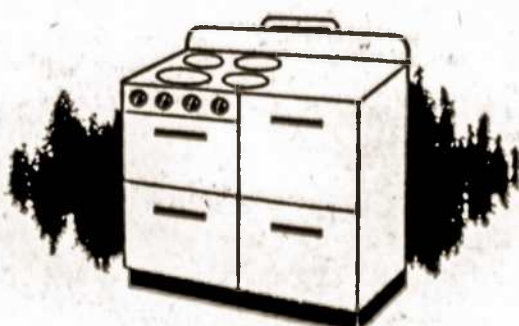
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Miss Virginia Powell Leaves for New Post

Miss Virginia M. Powell will become the Librarian at the Naval Air Station, Quonset Point, R.I., as of April 5th. The position was offered to her by the Commanding Officer of the Station, formerly Island Commander of Saipan. Miss Powell states that she is leaving the American Red Cross with regret after five and one-half years' service but the opportunity to broaden her experience in the general field of military welfare and recreation is too good to miss.

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P. - T. A. News

Charles Scanlon, chairman of the ways and means committee, reported to the P. T. A. Executive meeting last Monday on the results of the auction sale held April 1 in the Town Hall. The total receipts were \$167.60, with \$24.90 of this total coming from the sale of fudge and refreshments.

The chairman extends special thanks to Joseph W. Field, who so generously donated his services as auctioneer for the sale. Also, gratitude is expressed to the following members for their time and energy in making this sale a success: Mrs. David Hammond, chairman for solicitation; Alvin Porter and Paul Thompson for transportation; Reuben Rikert and Edward Benney, who assisted the auctioneer; Mrs. Bernard Whitney and M. Carleton Brown, chasers during the auction; Mrs. Reuben Rikert and her committee for looking after refreshments; Mrs. Charles White as chairman of publicity.

Those attending the Executive Committee meeting last Monday were: Mrs. Glenn Billings, Mrs. Bernard Whitney, Mrs. Gerald Quigley, Reuben Rikert, Edward Benney, Charles Scanlon and Mr. and Mrs. Charles White.

In addition to Chairman Scanlon's report on this auction, a report on the music project was read. The following were nominated for the Auditing Committee: Reuben Rikert, chairman, Edward Benney and Mrs. C. Hasekton.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Charles Scanlon.

The Executive Committee requests that all chairman of special P. T. A. committees prepare a written report with recommendations for the annual meeting on May 10. Also, all reports on expense accounts should be prepared for the annual meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the P. T. A. will be held on Monday, April 12, in Alexander Hall. Following the business meeting will be a program of dance numbers by pupils from Mrs. Keith Jacobus' dancing classes; songs by Irving J. Lawrence with accompaniment by Mrs. Robert N. Taylor; and a period of "fun for everybody."

Refreshments will be served by seventh and eighth grade mothers with Mrs. James Gillespie and Mrs. Edgar Livingston as co-chairmen.

Mrs. Starkey Dies; Northfield's Oldest

Amy R. (Tufts) Slate Starkey, Northfield's oldest resident passed away April 7, 1948.

She was born in Landgrove, Vt., February 14, 1851 and as a child lived in Chester, Vt.

Mrs. Starkey lived for 73 years in the same home in Northfield and has for several years been cared for by Mrs. Pearl Allen of Beers Plain road.

The deceased first married Oscar E. Slate of Barnardston, and later married Vander E. Starkey. Mrs. Starkey had five children by her first husband, with two boys surviving, W. W. Slate of Northfield and Charles W. Slate of Springfield. There are six surviving grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, April 10, at 2 p.m. at the Kidder Funeral Parlor with Rev. Joseph W. Reeves officiating.

Bearers will be Harold F. Bigelow, Russell A. Bigelow, Edwin A. Bigelow and Frederick Chapman. Burial will be in the Centre Cemetery in the family lot.

Essay Contest Winner

This is the prize-winning essay picked in the contest sponsored by the W. C. T. U. in conjunction with the English department of Northfield High School. The three other prize-winning essays will be printed in subsequent issues of the Press.

ALCOHOL'S DEBT TO SOCIETY

by RUTH HOLTON

Mike eased his long frame onto a stool at the far end of the bar and nodded a greeting to the group of boys about the pin ball machine. Eddie was there; he hadn't seen Eddie for quite awhile. The fellows said that his wife didn't like to have him hanging around the saloon. Poor old Eddie. He'd go over and sympathize with him in a few minutes. Right now he wanted a drink. Driving the truck by himself on long hauls was rough. No one to talk to, that was the trouble, no one to keep the desire for a drink from welling up in his throat.

The bartender came up and asked him where he had been keeping himself. This was one of his regular stops on the long haul from Powertown. Never missed a trip until he met Merna. Merna, the beautiful little blonde waitress at that dimly-lit cafe just outside of Louisville. She was everything he'd ever wanted, only he couldn't quite understand her. Always harping on his drinking, saying over and over that she'd seen too much of it, that she wanted something better out of life.

That's why the promise, the promise that had kept him out of saloons for nearly a month now. He couldn't stand it any longer, the craving had blotted out everything else, even Merna. Oh well, she'd overlook one drink and that's all he wanted — just one.

The bartender came back with his drink. He sat there quietly, cradling the glass in his long lean fingers, trying to prolong the moment. The saloon seemed to hold a little world all of its own, hemmed in by the monotonous voices at the pin ball machine, rhythmic in their rise and fall, and the dark shadows which hid lines of defeat and lent grace to the defeated. In the center of this sheltered world was the drink that nestled in his hands. With a feeling of well-being he lifted the glass to his lips. The mellow, bittersweet taste lingered in his mouth.

Two hours later Mike emerged from the weather-beaten building and made his way a trifle unsteadily to his truck, parked at the curb. Perhaps he'd had a little too much, and he'd spent quite a bit he could have saved for the wedding. Well, anyway, now he was satisfied. Two hours more and he was due at the warehouse. He'd have to step on it.

In a small town not too far from the saloon Miss O'Hara, 65, teacher in the town's only grammar school, watched as the child, herself, boarded the school bus. Miss O'Hara was very young and not yet hardened to the life of a teacher. Perhaps that was why she smiled to herself and tried to imagine the men and women these pint-sized adults might grow up to be: Alice with her passion for art and her love of beauty. John and Mary, whose favorite game was, "Let's pretend you're a doctor and I'm a nurse." Sue with her sensitive face and long artistic fingers. Larry who wanted to be President, and Kenny who was just plain lovable. Miss O'Hara sighed and went back to her desk to correct papers.

The next morning the papers were full of it. People as far away as the coast thanked God that their children were safe in the back yard. It was too dreadful

to think about. That enormous truck driven by the half-intoxicated man, who was now lying in a hospital pleading with the doctor to kill him, crushing head long into the school bus, killing the driver, pinning the children under the wreckage. Kenny, the lovable, lay along side John and Mary, who would never again play "Doctor and Nurse". Alice lay in a hospital with eyes that would never again view the beauty of a tormented world. The whole town mourned but the mourning did not bring them back.

The doctors did not listen to Mike's pleas. He lived, a broken shell of a man, ever mindful of his horrible folly. The screams of terrified children haunted his dreams. Mike paid, he paid well for the rest of his life; but he could never pay enough, not to the families of the children now at rest in the shady hideaway of the church yard, and not to society with its ever-increasing need for intelligent citizens. For who knows what those children might have grown up to be.

Baseball candidates and softball candidates had their first workouts on Monday. Indications are that both teams will have highly successful seasons.

Miss Evelyn Lawley, coach of softball, Mr. Harold McLean, coach of baseball, and Principal George M. Leonard attended a meeting of Border League executives at Thayer High School on Tuesday afternoon. Schedules for the coming baseball and softball seasons were made out and minor changes in rules and regulations were made.

Members of the senior class are making final arrangements for their coming trip to Washington. They will leave early Monday morning, April 19. They will spend two days and two nights in New York, three days and three nights in Washington, and will return on Saturday by way of Philadelphia. They will arrive back in Northfield late Saturday evening.

The Northfield W. C. T. U. has awarded prizes to pupils of Northfield High School who entered an essay contest recently.

Those receiving prizes were as follows: First prize to Ruth Holton of the senior class who wrote on "Alcohol's Debt to Society." Second prize to Rita Mello of the junior class whose essay was entitled "Liquor's Cost to Society."

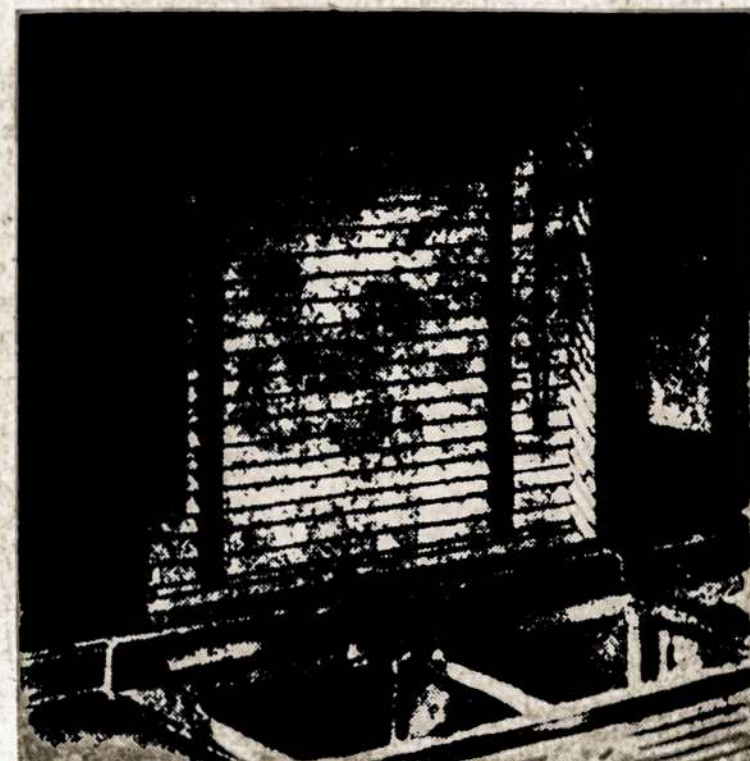
Third prize to Edgar Parker of the sophomore class who wrote on "What Can You Do About Alcohol?" Marion Andrew of the junior class received honorable mention on her essay, "Liquor's Cost to Society."

Wins Pepsi-Cola Prize

Mrs. Helen Snyder Bennett, who has been a summer guest of Kathleen Cowles Denise of the Highlands has won a Pepsi-Cola Prize and her picture appears in the Ladies Home Journal. James Gordon Bennett, her husband, graduated from Mt. Hermon in the class of 1888.

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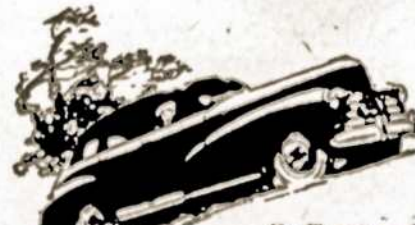
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